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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of :  
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2-11-03**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified continuation examination application as follows and consider the accompanying remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claim 40 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 36-39, and 41 to recite the following:

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Claim 36. (Amended) A method of administering an active agent to one or more of the esophagus, stomach, and small intestine by swallowing a safe and effective amount of a mucoadhesive composition comprising from about 2% to about 50%, by weight of the composition, of colloidal particles of silicon dioxide and a safe and effective amount of a pharmaceutical active selected from the group consisting of gastrointestinal agents, analgesics, decongestants, expectorants, antitussives, antihistamines, bronchodilators, topical anesthetics, sensory agents, and mixtures thereof, wherein the mucoadhesive composition is an aqueous mucoadhesive composition.

Claim 37. (Amended) The method of Claim 36 wherein the mucoadhesive composition further comprises from about 0.005% to about 3% by weight of citric acid or a salt thereof.

Claim 38. (Amended) The method of Claim 36 wherein the mucoadhesive composition is not further diluted with any liquid prior to administration and the level of colloidal particles of silicon dioxide is from about 3% to about 15%, by weight of the mucoadhesive composition.